

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the above amendments to the claims.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 12, and 23 have been amended to remove all instances of “transmitting” from the claims (*i.e.*, “transmitting the encrypted control word”), as was previously done in the preamble of the independent claims in response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2004. In addition, the first limitation appearing in the independent claims (*i.e.*, “encrypting the control word with a first key”), has been inserted into the preamble of the independent claims and removed from the body of the claim. Further, claim 12 has been amended to correct a typographical error (*i.e.*, the word “decoder” is changed to “digital recorder,” to correspond to the language in which the claim was originally filed).

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Applicant believes that the aforementioned amendments do not change the reasons for allowance. Further, Applicant believes that the changes made (*i.e.*, moving a limitation into the preamble, removing “transmitting,” and correcting a typographical error) do not require a new search or consideration.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 11345.006002).

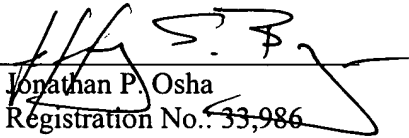
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